(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has extended financial assistance for conducting State level seminars for floriculture development in State of Orissa. There is no specific action plan for improving the economy of the State through development of exports of floriculture.

Flouting ban on pulses by exporters

4451. SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a latest revelation made in the first week of April, it came to notice that while exporters were flouting the ban on pulses, the Commerce Ministry knew of the precise quantum of pulse trade but chose not to intervene;

(b) if so, whether its own agency, Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics said it was regularly updating the Ministry on pulses being shipped out during the ban;

(c) which companies violated the ban; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the officials who allowed export and also against the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) *Prime facie,* three companies have been found to have violated the ban on export of pulses, namely, M/s Jetking International, M/s Kohinoor Foods and M/s. KRBL Ltd.

(d) Necessary proceedings under the FT (DR) Act, 1992 against the above firms have been initiated.